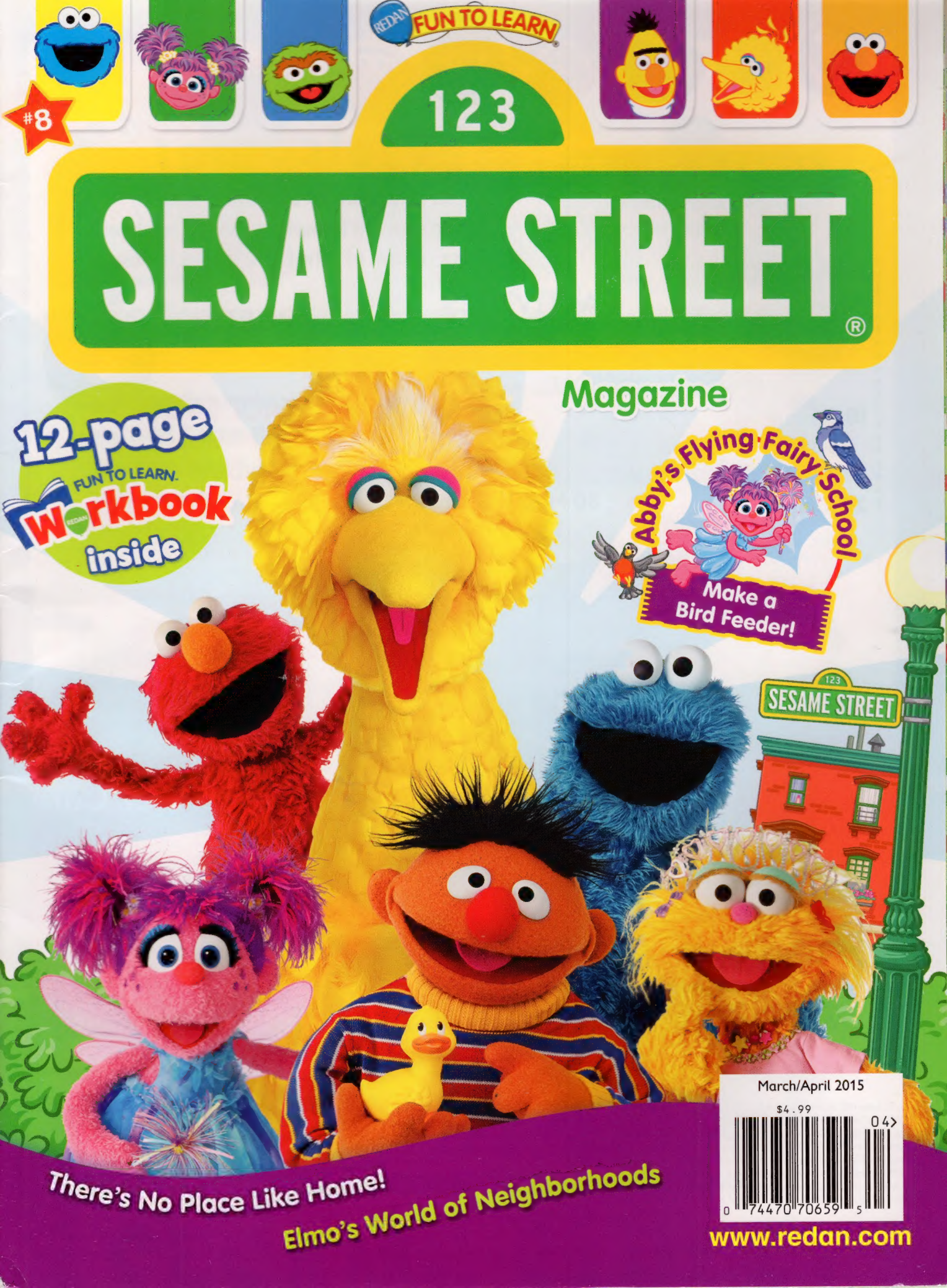
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There's No Place Like Home!

A Story for You!

1. "There's no place like my nest," says Big Bird. "So cozy and just the right size for me."

2. "There's no place like my castle," says the Count. "It is filled with wonderful things to count."

STORY BY LESLIE KIMMELMAN • ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOE EWERS

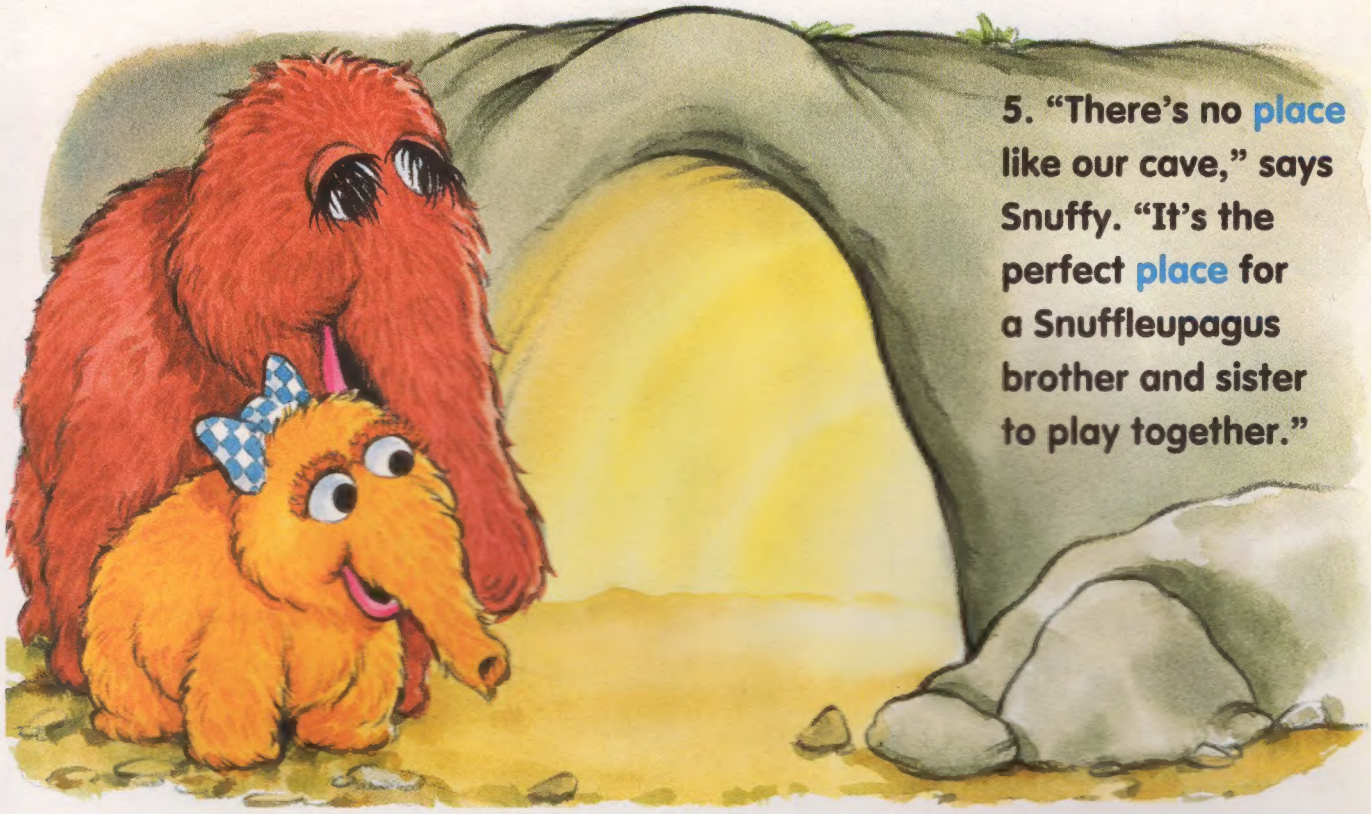
3. "There's no place like my apartment," says Bert. "Time for spring cleaning!"

4. "Look inside my closet," says Bert. "This is the place where I put all my favorite clothes."

Elmo would like to see you write the word "place".
Trace over the white letters on the right-hand page.
Make sure you are holding your pencil correctly, as shown.

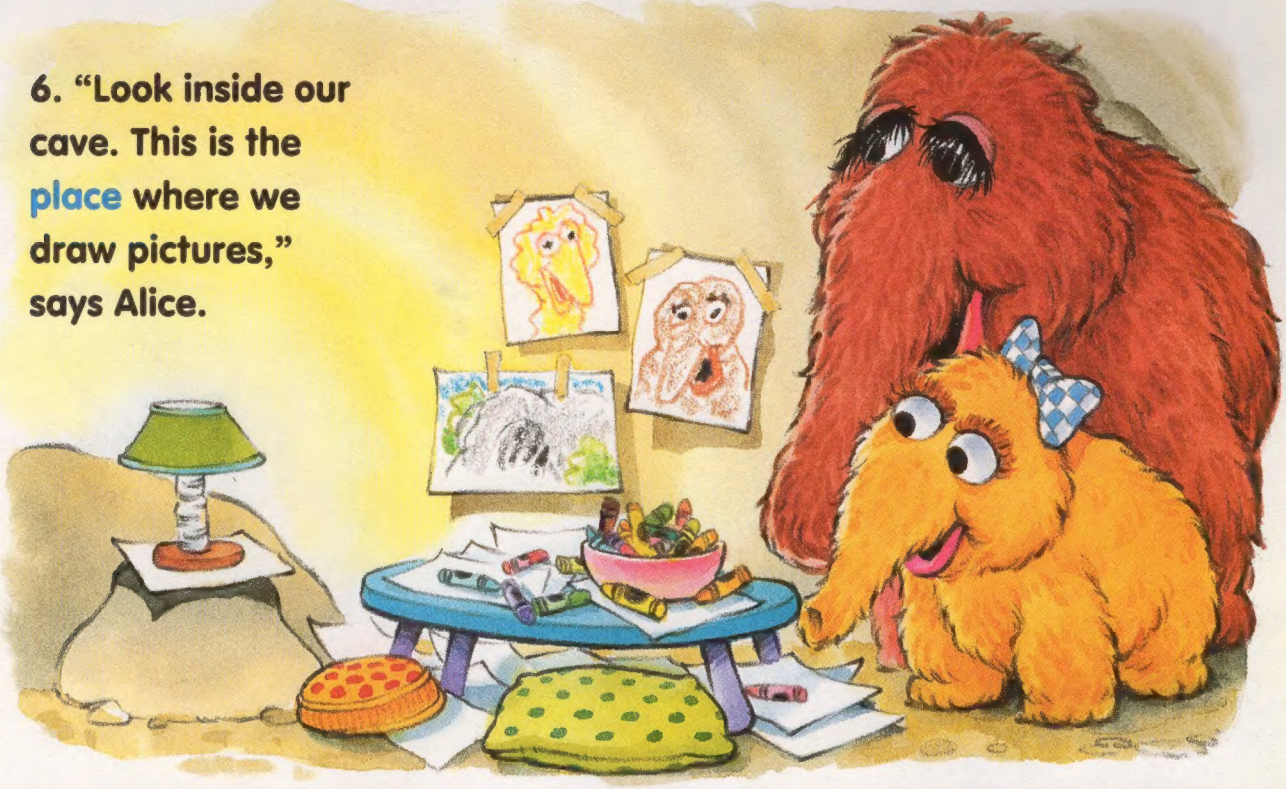
If you are left-handed, hold your pencil like this.

If you are right-handed, hold your pencil like this.



5. "There's no place like our cave," says Snuffy. "It's the perfect place for a Snuffleupagus brother and sister to play together."

6. "Look inside our cave. This is the place where we draw pictures," says Alice.



place

Say "place" aloud.

7. "Mi casa es su casa," says Rosita. "That's Spanish for 'My house is your house.' So come visit my place anytime!"

8. "There's no place like a lovable monster home. This special chair is where I, cute, furry Grover, read books with my mommy."

"There's no place like home!"

What's special about where you live? *What's your favorite place?*

Elmo's World™ of Neighborhoods

Where do you live?

Elmo knows that there are many different places to live. Elmo lives in a big city, but there are also suburbs, small towns, and the countryside. What kind of place do you live in? Do you have neighbors?

Near Elmo's neighborhood there is a dog run. That's a special part of a park where dogs can run and play. What kind of dog do you think is at the end of Elmo's leash? Draw its picture!

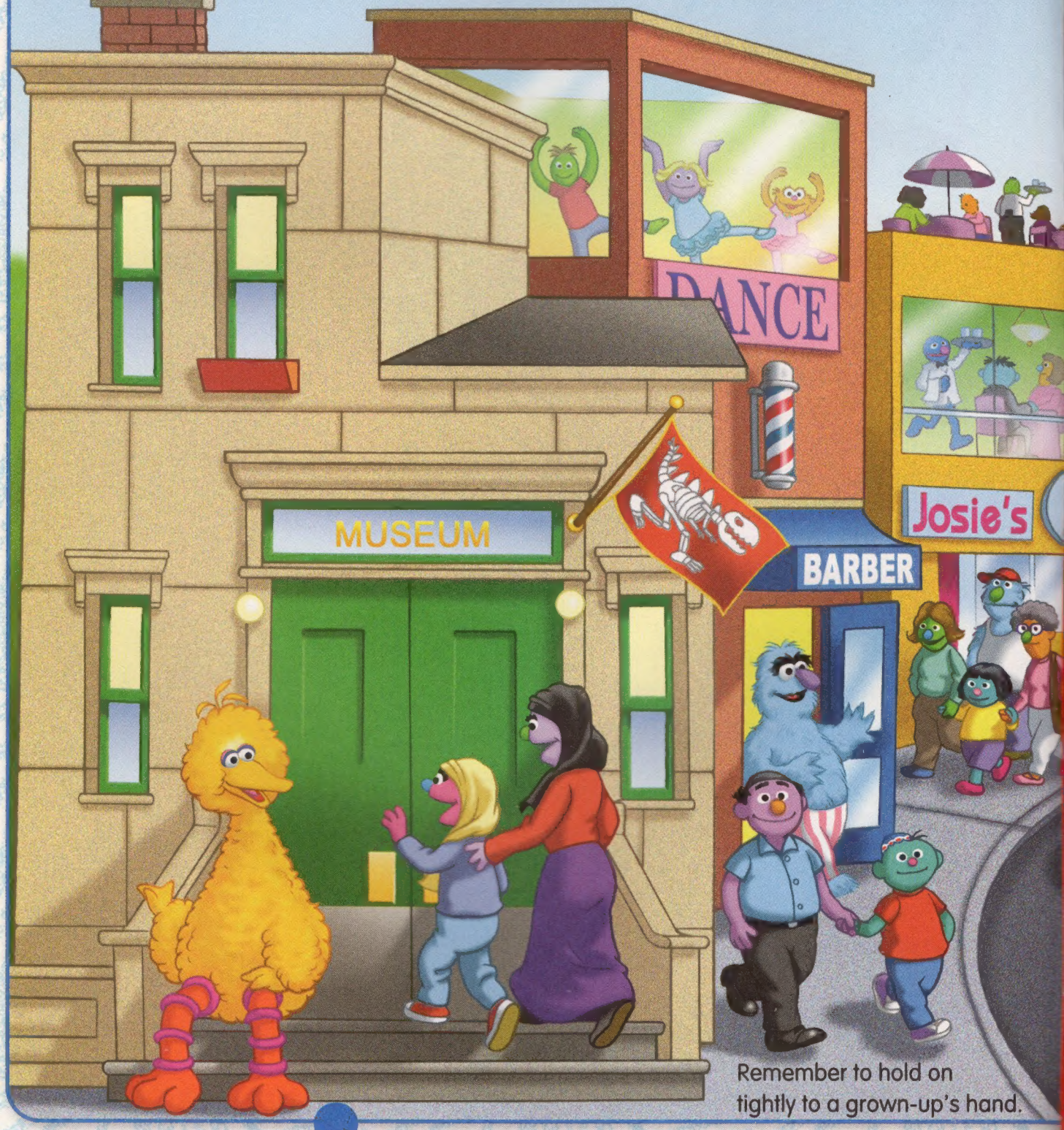
The Word on the Street is neighborhood. A neighborhood is made up of people and places near where you live.

Turn the page to read more about Elmo's neighborhood!

ELMo's World

A Crowd-y Day

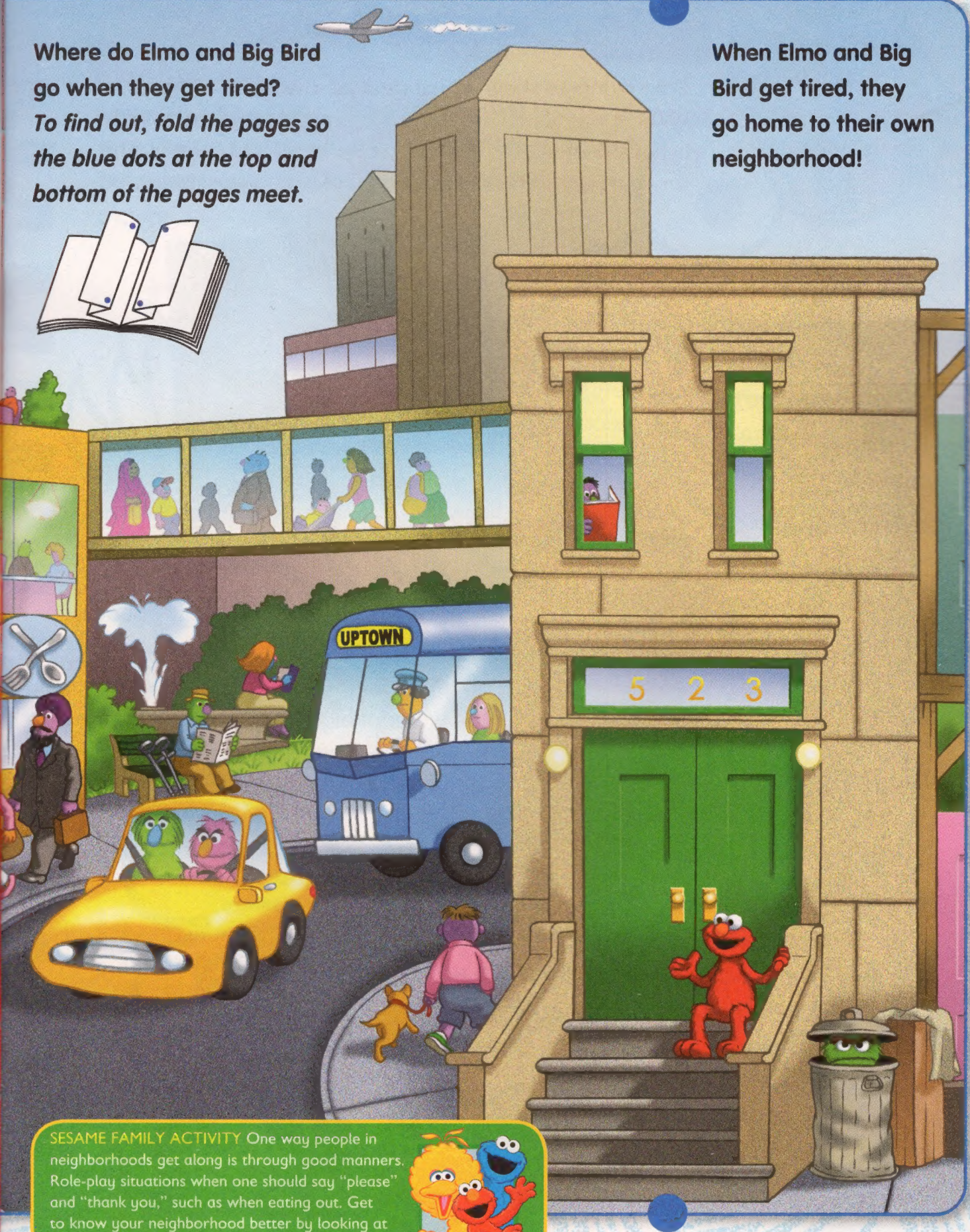
Elmo wants to show you around his city neighborhood. What is everyone doing in this busy place? Lots of people live, work, and play close together in cities. It's important for everyone to get along and be nice to one another.



Remember to hold on tightly to a grown-up's hand.

Where do Elmo and Big Bird go when they get tired?
To find out, fold the pages so the blue dots at the top and bottom of the pages meet.

When Elmo and Big Bird get tired, they go home to their own neighborhood!



SESAME FAMILY ACTIVITY One way people in neighborhoods get along is through good manners. Role-play situations when one should say "please" and "thank you," such as when eating out. Get to know your neighborhood better by looking at house numbers to identify your address.

ILLUSTRATION BYJOE MATHIEU

Sesame Safari

Today's safari takes us to the world of creatures that live in burrows. Have you ever seen any of these critters or their cozy homes?

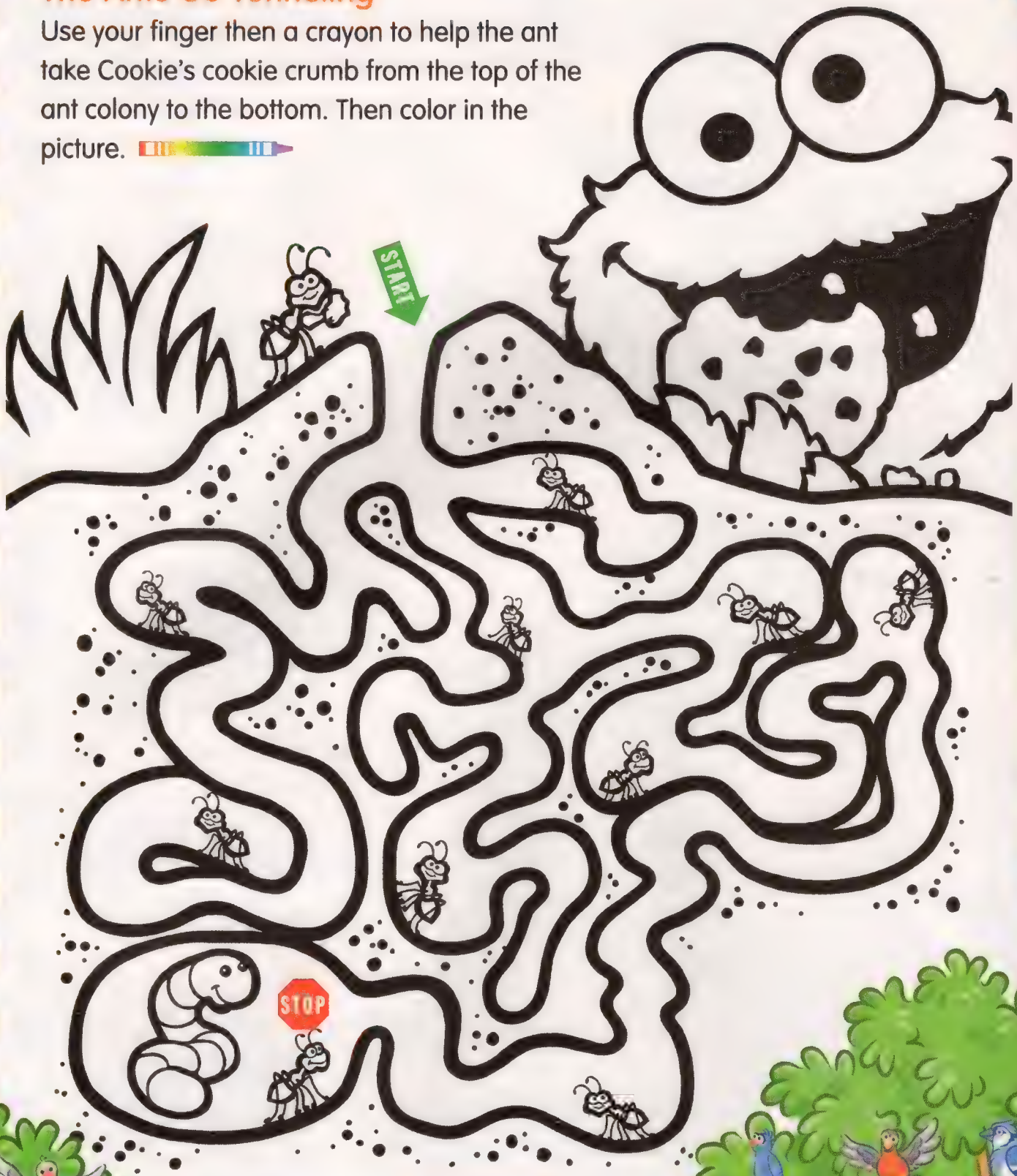
Woodchucks, also called groundhogs, dig deep burrows that are up to 30 feet long. These burrows have separate sleeping and bathroom chambers. Old woodchuck burrows provide shelter to animals like skunks and foxes.

Fiddler crabs live on the muddy beach. They use their legs to dig burrows for shelter from predators, the sun, and the water at high tide. The male fiddler crab has one large claw, which he waves to attract females.

Aardvarks dig underground homes with their strong front claws. They also dig a special area to use as a bathroom. Aardvarks have long, sticky tongues for slurping up the ants and termites that they eat.

The Ants Go Tunneling

Use your finger then a crayon to help the ant take Cookie's cookie crumb from the top of the ant colony to the bottom. Then color in the picture.



How many birds are hiding in the treetops?

Write the number in this box.

Bert FACT FILE

NAME: Bert

ADDRESS: The basement apartment of 123 Sesame Street

FAVORITE ANIMAL FRIEND: Bernice the pigeon

FRIENDS: Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Elmo, Oscar, and best buddy, Ernie

FAVORITE THINGS: Bird watching, argyle socks, and eating oatmeal

DID YOU KNOW? Bert has a large collection of paper clips and another collection of bottle caps

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Workbook

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Where I Live Workbook

Brought to you by The Letter A and The Number 8

Find this little picture of Zoe on each activity spread of your workbook!

PARENT NOTE: This workbook is designed to encourage practice in early learning skills with **Sesame Street** to add to the fun.

Write

Look all around town with Abby. There are many things that begin with A.

First, practice writing the letter A a on the line below.

A a

Abby

Now trace over these words that begin with the letter A a.

apple

avenue

airplane

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

Cookie Monster thinks this is one busy neighborhood!

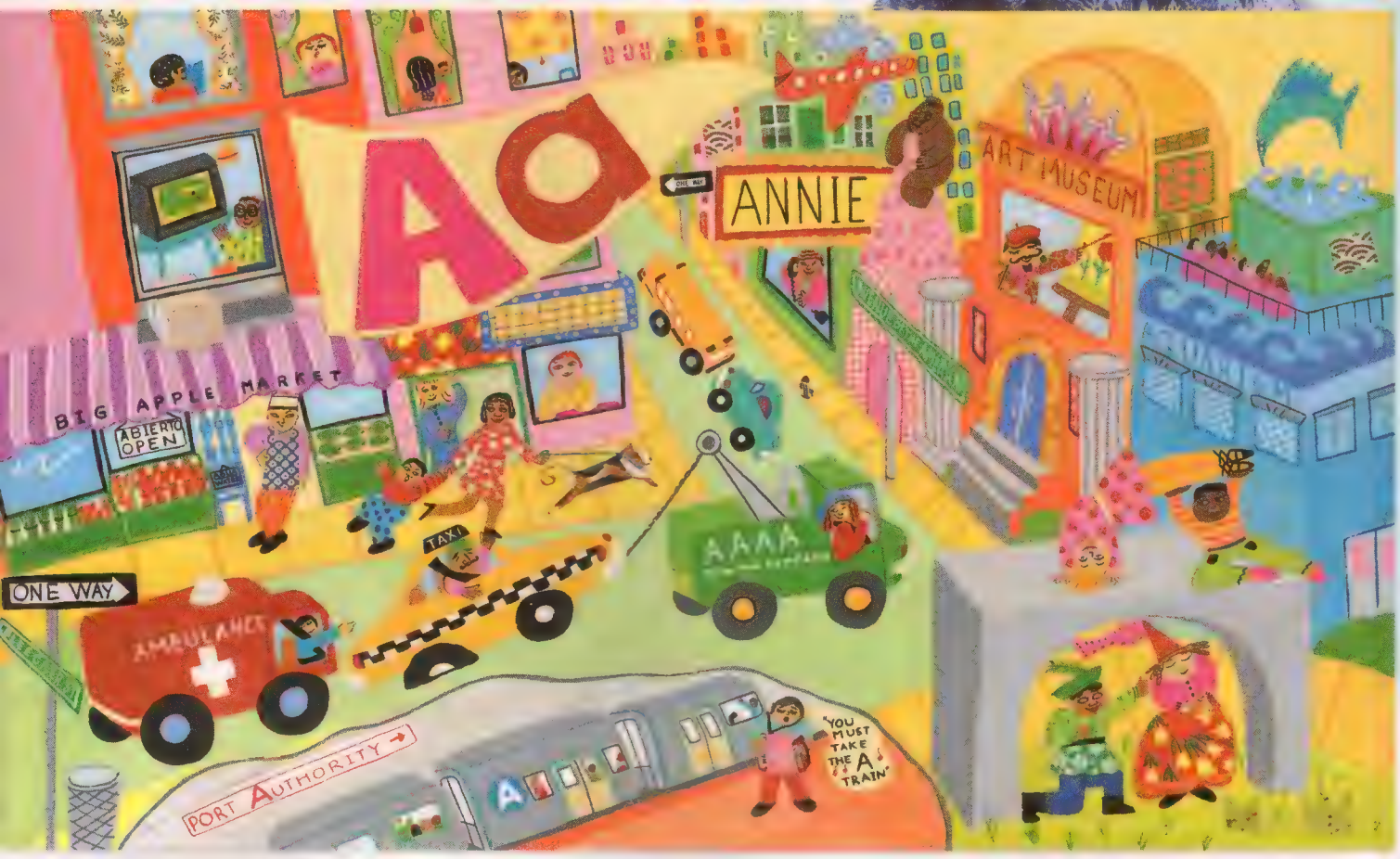

ILLUSTRATION BY KAREN KATZ

Help Cookie find and circle all the things in the picture that begin with the letter a.

How many things did you find?

Write the number here.

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Count

The number 8 is great!
Practice writing the number 8
on the line below.

8 8 8

Count the things below and write the numbers in the boxes.

4 waiting +

4 on the bus = ☐ How many friends all together?

☐ How many outdoor things in the neighborhood?

1 2 3 4

PARENT NOTE:
Counting activities help strengthen number skills and number recognition.

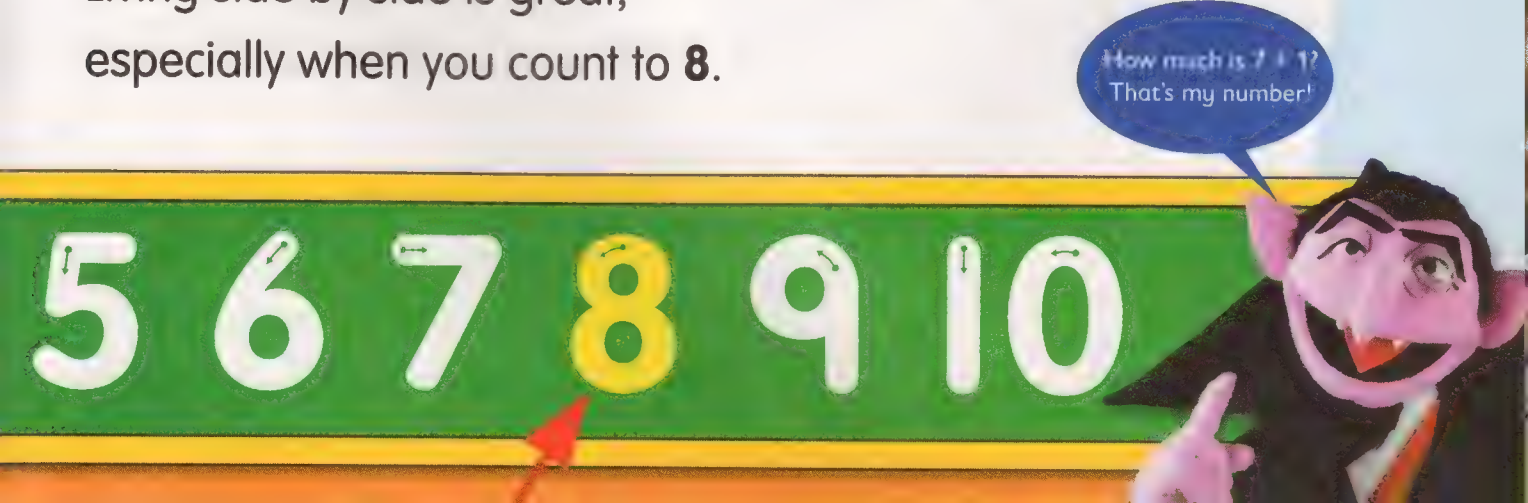
8 = eight

ILLUSTRATION BY DAVE KLUG

Through the windows,
take a look:
Neighbors read,
and dance, and cook.
Living side by side is great,
especially when you count to **8**.

Find all the people in the picture.
What are they doing?
Count them! How many are there?

Point to all the animals and count them, too. Which ones can fly?
Which ones say "meow"?



And the Green Grass Grew All Around

SESAME STREET
pull-out poster

The next time you walk in the park,
sing this song—or just say it!

Oh, in the egg there was a bird,
the prettiest bird you ever did see.
Bird in the egg,
egg in the nest,
nest on the branch,
branch on the tree,
tree on the root,
root in the hole,
hole in the ground,
and the green grass grew
all around, all around.
The green grass grew
all around.

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ILLUSTRATION BY TOM LEIGH

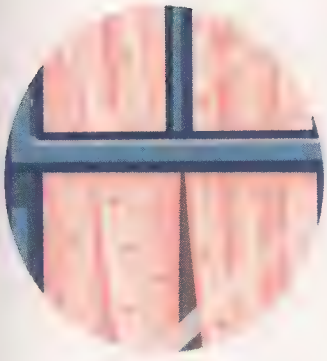
Find

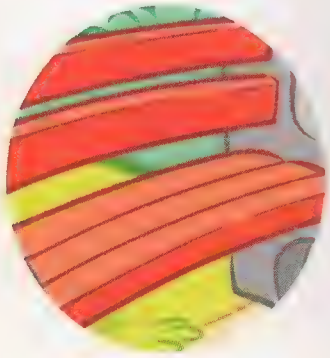
We love to play in our neighborhood! Match the close-ups to the main picture by drawing a line.

PARENT NOTE:
Identifying differences in similar-looking pictures helps develop cognitive skills

Which friend is flying a blue kite?

Which close-up doesn't belong?





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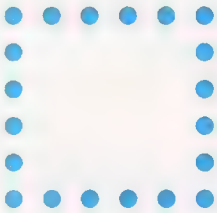
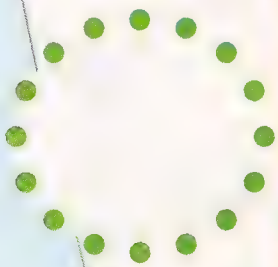
What are Ernie and Bert doing?

Shapes

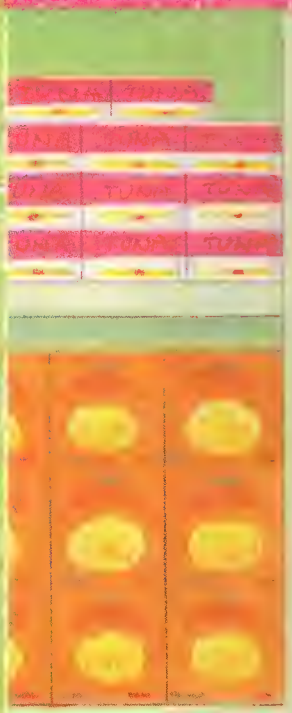
Elmo and Big Bird are finding different shapes in Hooper's Store. Name the shapes you find.

Use a pencil to trace over these shapes.





Inside their favorite store, Elmo and Big Bird can find:
things to eat,
people to meet,
and a place to rest their feet.



PARENT NOTE:
This activity strengthens cognitive skills through visual connections and dexterity.

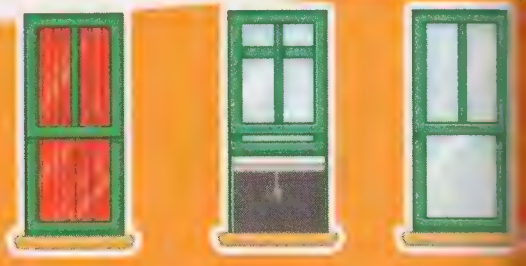
What shapes can you find in your house?

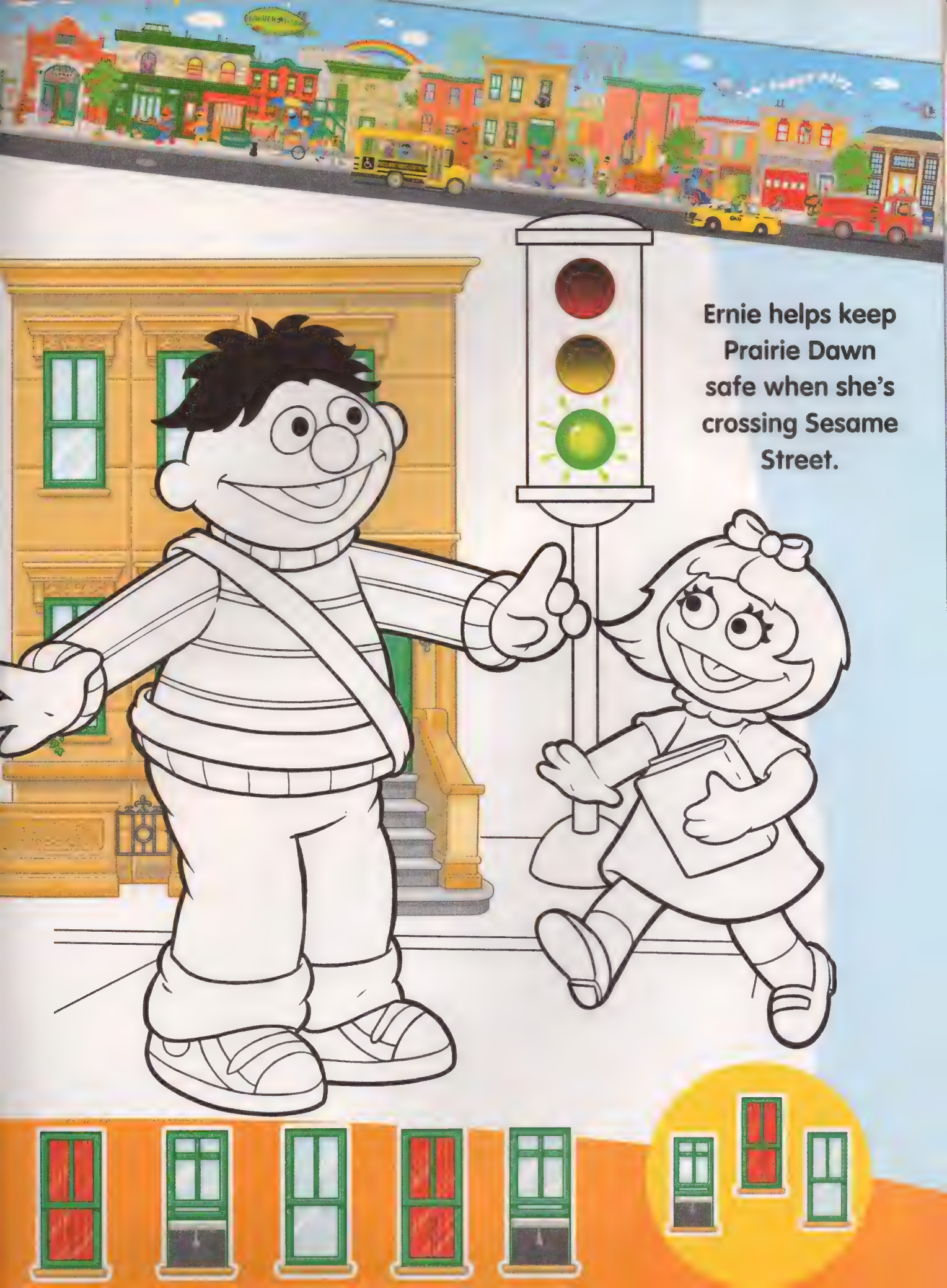
Color

At home or in your neighborhood,
you must keep safe and well.
At home, Elmo washes his hands
to stay clean and healthy.

PARENT NOTE:
Coloring enhances creativity, color recognition, and fine motor skills.

Look at the pattern of windows. Circle the one in the yellow circle that should come next.





Ernie helps keep Prairie Dawn safe when she's crossing Sesame Street.

Where I Live Workbook

Certificate of Fun

Super job!

Check the boxes if you have completed all the activities.

- Write ☐
- Count ☐
- Find ☐
- Shapes ☐
- Color ☐

I finished my Workbook!

Write your name here.

Check the box if you found all of the little pictures of Zoe. ☐

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Cut this out and hang it up! Collect each one!

Around My Neighborhood

SESAME STREET MINI-POSTER

I, Grover, your furry blue taxi driver, am ready to take you on a tour of my neighborhood. What do you see? Look closely and answer the questions below.

ILLUSTRATION BY RON ZALME

What is Big Bird doing?

Circle the traffic light.

Count the birds.

Copy the numbers that are on Grover's taxi meter.

City Song

Oh, the joys of it!
Oh, the noise of it!
Oh, the monster girls and boys of it!
Oh, the hip-hop and the blues,
swinging jazz, and pigeon coos!
Oh, the smells on all the streets—
spicy foods and tasty sweets.
Oh, the shops, museums, shows!
Oh, the traffic! Oh, the clothes!
Oh, the lights of it!
Oh, the sights of it!
City—oh, the pure delights of it!

What do you like best about cities?

SESAME FAMILY ACTIVITY Your family can make up a song about the place where you live. Describe the people you see, the homes, the shops, noises, smells, and colors. Set the song to a familiar tune such as "Old MacDonald." Whether you live in the country, the suburbs, a town, or a city, the song will have special meaning to your family. Preserve the song by writing down the words and recording your family's singing.

POEM BY LESLIE KIMMELMAN • ILLUSTRATION BY TOM LEIGH

Cut out the photos that Big Bird took. Put them in Big Bird's frame, one by one, to help him tell a story about the different things to see and hear in the city.

Let's Make a Birdhouse Feeder

Birds sometimes make a nest in a birdhouse. Make this fun bird feeder with Abby and see who visits it!

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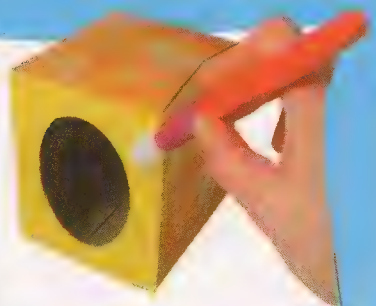

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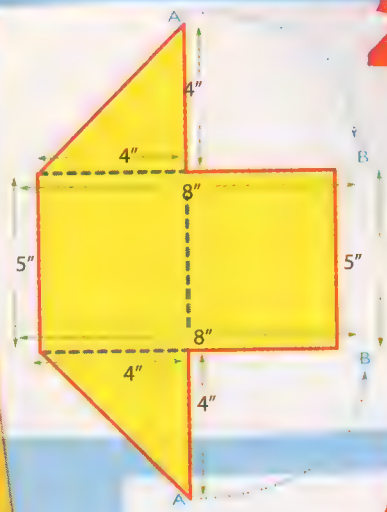

To make the roof, draw a rectangle and two triangles on to your cardboard, as shown. Cut out the shape along the red lines and fold along the blue dotted lines.

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Tape point A of each triangle to point B to make a roof shape. Glue this to the top of the tissue box.

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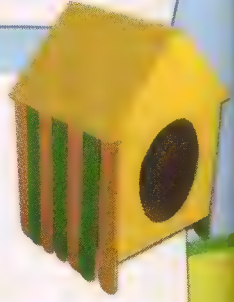
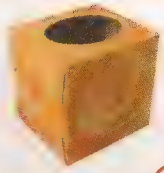


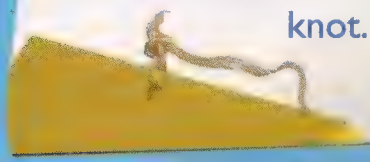
Paint the craft sticks in the colors you like. Glue them to the sides of the box.

You will need:

- A large piece of cardboard
- non-toxic glue
- birdseed • craft sticks
- a small tissue box
- twigs • string
- paints • an adult to help



5 Make a hole in the middle of the top of the roof. Thread the string through and tie a knot.



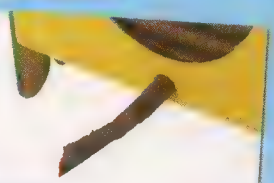
6 Break up some twigs and glue them side by side to cover both sides of the roof.

7 Cut out the little picture of Cookie and Elmo below. Use it to decorate the bird feeder.

Hang your bird feeder in a spot sheltered from the rain.

Put some birdseed inside it and watch the birds have a feast.

8 Make a hole below the big hole of your tissue box and push a twig through it. This will make a perch for the birds that visit it.



Cut out this picture and glue it to the front of your bird feeder!

Send in a photo of your bird feeder for your chance to win a prize!

See Big Bird's Fridge for details.

Take a Trip to Silly Street!

Zoe is telling Elmo about a very silly place.

On Silly Street, you can spend all day upside down.
Rubber Duckie flies and flaps around!
Everyone's in a silly mood.
And you can eat really funny food!

POEM BY KAMA EINHORN

Point to all the silly things you find in the picture.

Grover
Makes a Nest

Grover found a bird's nest in the backyard! Birds build nests with twigs, leaves, and other scraps they find.

Do you see any bird nests in your neighborhood or yard?

You can make your own nest collage. Use items you find around your home and from the ground in your backyard.

ILLUSTRATION BY JANE YAMADA

Please send us your pictures, we love to see them! Draw your favorite *Sesame Street* friend below and it may be printed in this magazine.

Put a check next to your favorite!

My picture for SESAME STREET

Here is my picture of.....

My full name is.....

I am.....years old

My address is.....

City.....State/Province .....

Zip/Postal Code.....Phone/Email.....

Parent/Guardian signature.....

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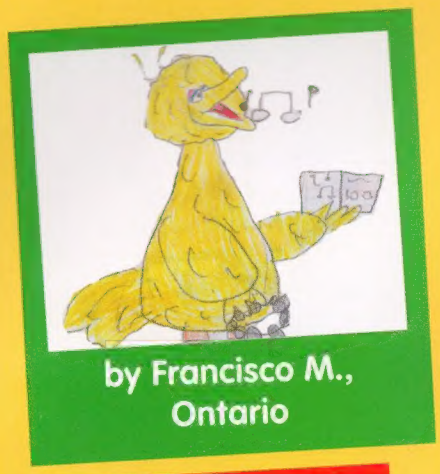

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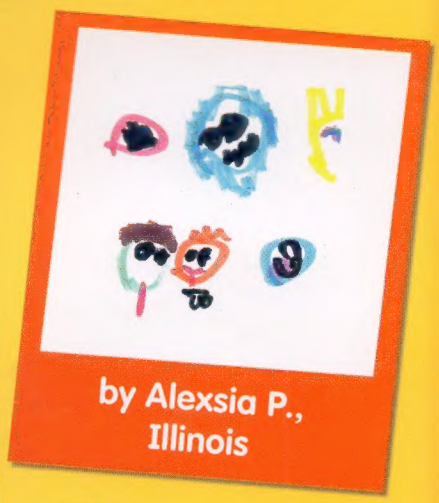

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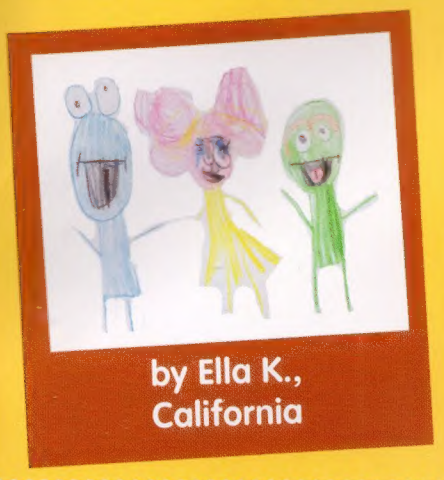

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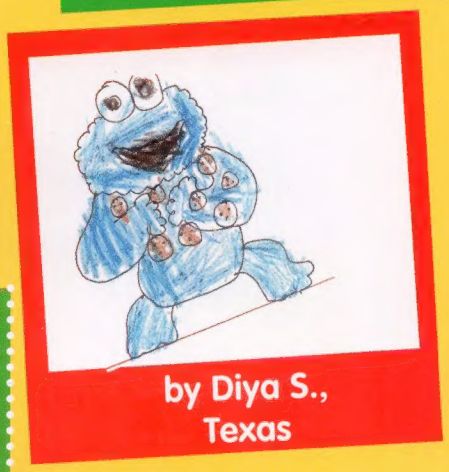

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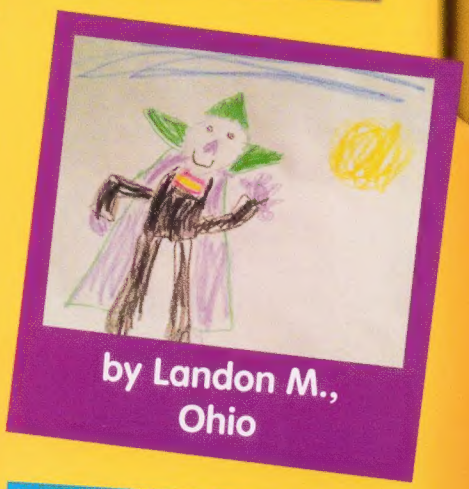

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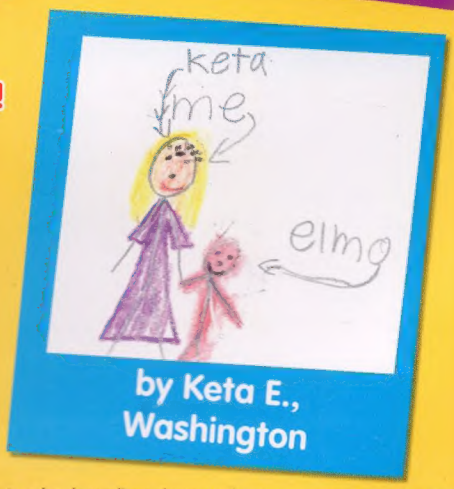

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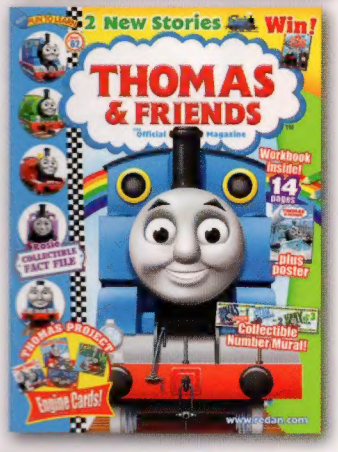

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